Sl. No.	Name of the State	Period	No. (Based on the figures reported by State Govts.)
4.	Kerala	2001 to 2006	841
		2007 (upto 31st January, 2007)	13
5.	Tamil Nadu	2000-2007 (upto March 2007)	26
6.	Punjab*	2004	11
		2005	6
7.	Gujarat*	2005	7
		2006 (upto 30.05.2006)	1

* This information reported *vide* Government of Punjab letter dt. 21.03.06 relates to the cotton belt of Punjab. Government of Punjab has also reported that number of suicides by farmers due to debt burden in the year 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 was 2, nil, 3 and 3 respectively. However, upto date data regarding suicide is awaited from the Governments of Punjab and Gujarat.

NB: The Nil report has been received from the States/UTs namely, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Goa, Haryana, Delhi, Sikkim, J & K, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep, Pondicherry, Andaman & Nicobar. The information from rest of the States/UTs is awaited.

Hiring tuna training boats

22. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to the Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) to hire tuna training boats from Norway and other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many people would be trained on hired tuna boat in a year;

(d) whether it would be cheaper to send Indian youths for training abroad at much lower costs; and

(e) the steps proposed to study the costs of training with hired boats, etc. by CIFNET?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Decline in fish catches

23. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a large population of fishermen who obtain fish catches from rivers in India;